

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A treating agent for a metal hydride-containing exhaust gas, wherein said treating agent comprises a non-metal oxide based composition in which at least one metal among group-VIII noble metals ~~on~~ of the periodic table and silver ~~[[is]]~~ supported on metal hydroxide, metal carbonate, basic metal carbonate, or a mixture ~~of these compound~~ thereof.

2. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The treating agent for the exhaust gas as claimed in claim 1, wherein metal components of the metal hydroxide, metal carbonate, basic metal carbonate, or a mixture of ~~these~~ compounds thereof comprise at least one among copper, iron, cobalt, nickel, manganese, zinc, and chromium.

3. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The treating agent for the exhaust gas as claimed in claim 1, wherein the group-VIII noble metals ~~on~~ of the periodic table comprise at least one among palladium, platinum, rhodium, and ruthenium.

4. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The treating agent for the exhaust gas as claimed in claim 1, wherein a weight of supporting at least one metal among the group-VIII noble metals ~~on~~ of the

periodic table and silver to ~~a~~ the total weight of the treating agent is in a range of 0.002 % by weight to 3.0 % by weight.

5. (currently amended) A method of treating ~~the~~ an exhaust gas, ~~wherein the~~ comprising: exposing a metal hydride-containing exhaust gas ~~is exposed~~ to the treating agent as claimed in claim 1.